




## Quantum critical fans from critical lines at zero temperature

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Quantum critical phenomena influence the finite temperature behavior of condensed matter systems through quantum critical fans whose extents are determined by the exponents of the zero temperature criticality. Here we emphasize the aspects of quantum critical lines, as discussed previously, and study an exactly solved model involving a transverse field Ising model with added three-spin interaction. This model has three critical lines. We compute the spin-spin correlation function and extract the correlation length, and identify the crossovers: quantum critical to quantum disordered, or renormalized classical regimes. We construct the quantum critical fans along one of the critical lines. In addition, we also construct finite temperature dynamic structure factors. We hope this model will become experimentally realizable in the future, and our results could stimulate studies in many similar models.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The quantum critical point (QCP) [1–5] is a point in the parameter space where a continuous phase transition takes place at zero temperature. A significant part of research in condensed matter physics is focused on describing various quantum phases and transitions between them. Thus, the QCP has become a widely studied subject. Exactly at the critical point, we have quantum fluctuations taking place at all length scales. It is interesting to probe these fluctuations and the implied quantum behavior of the ground states. However, in reality, all experiments are carried out at finite temperatures and it is necessary to learn how such ground state properties can be deduced from finite temperature measurements. This is accomplished by measuring the finite temperature correlation lengths, dynamic structure factors, and other physical properties. The QCP leaves fingerprints at nonzero temperatures of these properties. Its influence can be felt in a broad regime, called the quantum critical fan, whose extent depends on the quantum critical exponents. This idea was successfully exploited in [6,7] in the context of two-dimensional quantum antiferromagnets.

As an example, suppose we have a cusplike quantum critical fan with  $T_x \sim |g - g_c|^{z\nu}$ , where  $g$  is a tuning parameter,  $z$  is a dynamical critical point, and  $\nu$  is a critical exponent, and  $T_x$  is the crossover temperature between two different quantum phases. If  $z\nu$  is very large, this will make the quantum critical fan very narrow and thus limit the ability to probe quantum fluctuations at finite temperatures. On the other hand, If we have quantum critical points with smaller values of  $z\nu$ , experimental evidence of quantum criticality could be more easily observed at finite temperatures.

The one-dimensional transverse field Ising model (TFIM) is a classic example of QCP. Theoretically, the integrability of the model gives us the power to study its properties in detail. A complete discussion on that topic can be found in [4]. Experimentally, this model is well-captured by  $\text{CoNb}_2\text{O}_6$  [8], which illustrates the nature of quantum criticality.

Here, as in our recent paper, we consider an exactly solved model which has three interesting *critical lines* that goes beyond the notion of a *critical point*. It is a three-spin extension of the more familiar Ising model in a transverse field, TFIM. The model is solved by Jordan-Wigner and Bogoliubov transformations. The corresponding phase diagram was introduced by Kopp and Chakravarty [9]. Later on, the critical lines in this model were studied and their topological aspects were discussed by Niu *et al.* [10]. Different phases were identified by the number of Majorana modes on each end of an open chain. Subsequently, we calculated the momentum,  $k$ , and frequency,  $\omega$ , dependent dynamical structure factor  $S(k, \omega)$  in pure and disordered versions of the model at *zero temperature* in a recent paper [11]. However, the influence of temperature on the phase diagram remained unexplored, especially from the perspective of the quantum critical fans. This is what we aim toward in this paper. It will be important in understanding experimental observations, if and when such a model is realized and studied in practice.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we introduce our model and the phase diagram, and discuss a few of the properties in the context of quantum critical lines. In Sec. III, we discuss three regimes that appear in finite temperatures and review how correlation length behaves in each such regime. In Sec. IV, we discuss the method for calculating the correlation function using the Pfaffian method. In Sec. V we discuss our results. The final section, Sec. VI, is a summary.

### II. THE MODEL AND ITS PHASE DIAGRAM

The model we consider here is a three-spin extension of the TFIM, studied previously by [9–11]. We first discuss its phase diagram and several characteristics of its critical lines. We will focus on topics that were not studied previously. The Hamiltonian,  $H$ , is

$$H = - \sum_i (h_i \sigma_i^x + \lambda'_2 \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i-1}^z \sigma_{i+1}^z + \lambda'_1 \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i-1}^z). \quad (1)$$

$\sigma^x$  and  $\sigma^z$  are the standard Pauli matrices. Presently, we shall set  $h_i = h = \text{const}$ . The Hamiltonian after Jordan-Wigner transformation [12,13]

$$\sigma_i^x = 1 - 2c_i^\dagger c_i, \quad (2)$$

$$\sigma_i^z = - \prod_{j<i} (1 - 2c_j^\dagger c_j) (c_i + c_i^\dagger) \quad (3)$$

is

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^N h(1 - 2c_i^\dagger c_i) - \lambda'_1 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + c_i^\dagger c_{i+1}^\dagger + \text{H.c.}) - \lambda'_2 \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} (c_{i-1}^\dagger c_{i+1} + c_{i+1} c_{i-1} + \text{H.c.}). \quad (4)$$

In contrast to the spin model, the spinless fermion Hamiltonian is actually a one-dimensional *mean-field* model of a *p*-wave superconductor [14], when there are both nearest- and next-nearest-neighbor hoppings, as well as condensates; note the pair creation and destruction operators. The solution of the corresponding spin Hamiltonian through Jordan-Wigner transformation is, however, exact and includes all possible fluctuation effects and is *not a mean-field solution of any kind*.

Imposing periodic boundary condition, the Hamiltonian can be diagonalized by a Bogoliubov transformation,

$$H = \sum_k 2E_k \left( \eta_k^\dagger \eta_k - \frac{1}{2} \right). \quad (5)$$

As usual, the anticommuting fermion operators  $\eta_k$  are suitable linear combinations in the momentum space of the original Jordan-Wigner fermion operators and respect charge symmetry. The spectra of excitations are (lattice spacing will be set to unity throughout the paper unless stated otherwise)

$$E_k = h\sqrt{1 + \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + 2\lambda_1(1 - \lambda_2)\cos k - 2\lambda_2\cos 2k}. \quad (6)$$

Here  $\lambda_1 = \lambda'_1/h$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda'_2/h$  are the scaled coupling constants. Quantum phase transitions of this model are given by the nonanalyticities of the ground state energy:

$$E_0 = - \sum_k E_k. \quad (7)$$

The derivative of the ground state energy vanishes at  $k = 0, \pm\pi$  and  $\cos k = \lambda_1(1 - \lambda_2)/4\lambda_2$ . The nonanalyticities are defined by the critical lines where the energy gaps collapse. The phase diagram can also be understood from the Majorana zero modes, which we explain below. For the time being refer to Fig. 1.

(1) For TIFM without a three-spin interaction, the gaps collapse at the Brillouin zone boundaries,  $k = \pm\pi$  at the self-dual points  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ .

(2) As we move along the critical line  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \lambda_1$ , there are no additional critical points until we reach a multicritical point  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , where the gaps collapse at  $k = 0$ . At exactly  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1$ , we have the dynamical critical exponent  $z = 1$  due to the linearly vanishing spectrum at  $k = 0$ . Then  $\lambda_2 = 1 + \lambda_1$  constitutes a critical line with criticality at  $k = 0$ .

(3) Moreover, the gaps also collapse at incommensurate points  $k = \cos^{-1}(\lambda_1/2)$  for  $\lambda_2 = -1$  and  $0 < \lambda_1 < 2$ . This

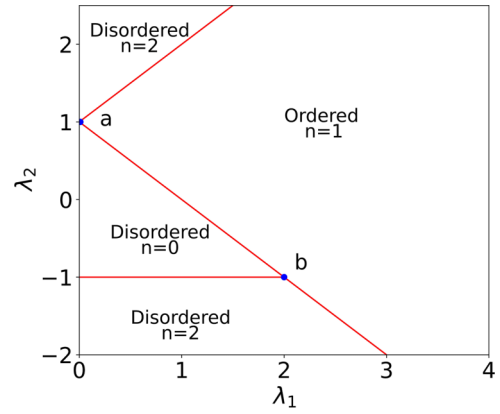


FIG. 1. The phase diagram:  $n = 0, 1, 2$ , corresponds to regions with  $n$  Majorana modes at each end of an open chain. There are three quantum critical lines,  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \lambda_1$ , and  $\lambda_2 = -1$  ( $0 < \lambda_1 < 2$ ). These lines denote the collapse of the energy gaps. Points  $a$  and  $b$  are multicritical points with dynamical critical exponent  $z = 1$  and  $z = 2$  respectively.

constitutes an unusual incommensurate critical line. Right at  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$ , we have a non-Lorentz-invariant multicritical point with dynamical critical exponent  $z = 2$ . The spectra vanish quadratically at  $\pm\pi$  due to confluence of two Dirac points.

In the spin representation, our model exhibits two phases: ordered and disordered. These phases are distinguished by the presence of long-range order. As shown in Fig. 3, the long-range order is reflected in the equal-time correlation function  $C(r, 0)$  from Eq. (19). Both  $\lambda_2 = 1 + \lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \lambda_1$  separate these phases. However, the line  $\lambda_2 = -1$  ( $0 < \lambda_1 < 2$ ) cannot be understood from the symmetry breaking quantum phase transition since it separates two quantum disordered phases.

In the fermion language, the phase transitions are best described by the number of Majorana zero modes,  $n$ , at each end of an open chain, which can be determined numerically.

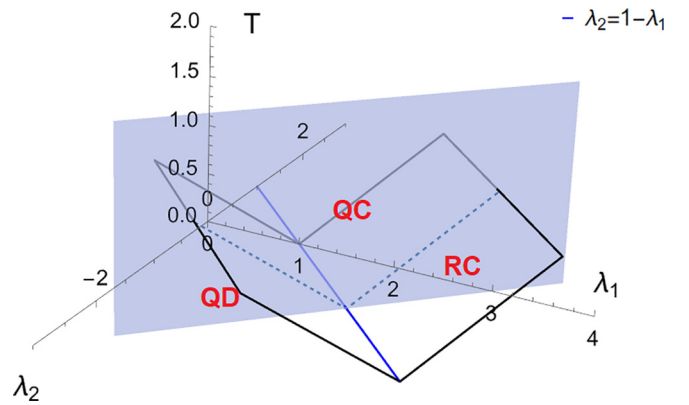


FIG. 2. A sketch of a quantum critical fan of a quantum critical line  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \lambda_1$ . The black solid lines are quantum critical fans. The blue dashed lines are the usual quantum critical fan from a critical point which is a point of intersection between the critical line and the blue dashed line. QC: quantum critical. RC: renormalized classical. QD: quantum disordered.

This was discussed in great detail in a previous paper [10]. So  $\lambda_2 = -1$  ( $0 < \lambda_1 < 2$ ) is a line of topological transition separating  $n = 0$  and  $n = 2$  Majorana zero modes at each end of the chain. The numbers of Majorana modes are also winding numbers [15,16] explained in terms of the Anderson pseudospin Hamiltonian [17], when the time-reversal symmetry is preserved. More recently, the topological nature of the model was explained from the notion of a curvature renormalization group [18,19], which may be useful in higher-dimensional systems.

Finally, this model has a dual representation in which it is equivalent to an anisotropic  $XY$  model with a magnetic field in the  $z$  direction. It is possible that the  $XY$  version is better realized in experimental systems. This dual representation is defined by the dual spin operators  $\mu_x$ ,  $\mu_y$ , and  $\mu_z$  such that

$$\mu_x(n) = \sigma_z(n+1)\sigma_z(n), \quad (8)$$

$$\mu_z(n) = \prod_{m \leq n} \sigma_x(m), \quad (9)$$

which implies that

$$[\mu_z(n), \mu_x(n)] = -2i\mu_y(n), \quad (10)$$

$$\mu_y(n) = -i \left( \prod_{m \leq n} \sigma_x(m) \right) \sigma_z(n+1)\sigma_z(n). \quad (11)$$

The Hamiltonian under duality transforms to

$$H_D = -\frac{2}{1+r} \sum_n \left[ \frac{1+r}{2} \mu_x(n)\mu_x(n+1) + \frac{1-r}{2} \mu_y(n)\mu_y(n+1) + h_z \mu_z(n) \right], \quad (12)$$

where we have carried out the rotations  $\mu_x(n) \rightarrow \mu_z(n)$ ,  $\mu_z(n) \rightarrow \mu_x(n)$ ,  $\mu_y(n) \rightarrow -\mu_y(n)$ . The parameters are related by

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{2h_z}{1+r}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{r-1}{1+r}. \quad (13)$$

The critical line in the  $XY$  model, separating the disordered phase from the ordered phase, is at  $h_z = 1$ , which corresponds to  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$ , separating the ordered phase from the disordered phase. Since the ordered and the disordered phases are exchanged under duality, the disordered phase of the three-spin model is  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 < 1$ .

### III. FINITE TEMPERATURE CROSSOVERS

In this section, we discuss quantum critical fans and their crossovers at finite temperatures. Generically, as we raise the temperature, the effect of quantum criticality from a QCP can be felt in an extended region (quantum critical fan) of the parameter space. The width and the shape of the quantum critical fan depend on the critical exponents  $\nu$  and  $z$ . In the two-dimensional parameter space, one can approach a critical

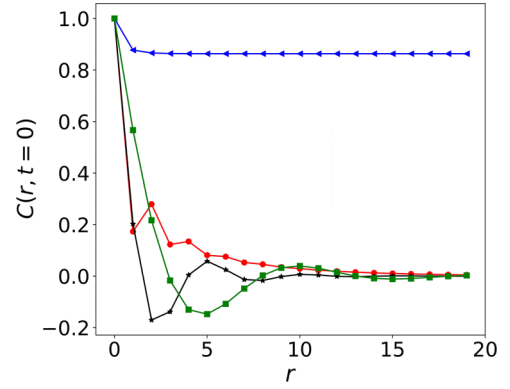


FIG. 3. Representative equal-time correlation function  $C(r, 0)$  at  $T = 0$  in various regions which are labeled by the number of Majorana zero modes  $n$  in Fig. 1. The distance  $r$  is expressed in units of lattice spacing. The calculation of the correlation function follows from the Pfaffian representation discussed in detail below. Blue: ( $\lambda_1 = 1.5, \lambda_2 = 0$ ), Red: ( $\lambda_1 = 0.5, \lambda_2 = 2$ ). Black: ( $\lambda_1 = 0.5, \lambda_2 = -0.5$ ). Green: ( $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1.5$ ).

point in any direction. This leads to a conelike quantum critical fan for a critical point. In our model, with added three-spin interaction, we have a quantum critical line made out of a line of critical points. Referring to Fig. 2, the quantum critical fan looks like a valley along the critical line in this case. The blue planes denote the fans. These fans are crossover lines that separate different regimes. These regimes can be distinguished by the temperature dependence of the correlation length  $\xi$  and the relative magnitudes of the energy scales. The following delineates the regimes pertaining to quantum criticality. Defining  $\Delta$  to be the deviation from the critical point (see, for example Fig. 2), which can be either positive or negative (the notation is the same as in Ref. [4]) we find the following regimes:

(1) Quantum critical ( $|\Delta| \ll T$ ): In this regime, the physical properties of the model at finite temperatures are completely determined by the quantum critical point at zero temperature. The correlation length behaves as a power law in  $T$ ,

$$\xi \sim \frac{1}{T^{1/z}}, \quad (14)$$

where  $z$  is the dynamical critical exponent of the QCP.

(2) Renormalized classical ( $\Delta \gg T$ ): In this regime,  $\xi$  goes to  $\infty$  exponentially fast as  $T$  goes to zero due to the presence of long-ranged order at zero temperature. In general, we expect the correlation length to have the form

$$\xi \sim C_1(T)e^{C_2/T}, \quad (15)$$

where  $C_2$  is a positive constant and  $C_1(T)$  is a function of  $T$ . The exact form of  $C_1(T)$  is not important to us since we are only interested in the general form of  $\xi$ .

(3) Quantum disordered ( $\Delta \ll -T$ ): Since there is no long-ranged order at  $T = 0$ , we expect the correlation length to become temperature independent as  $T$  goes to zero,

saturating to a value of order unity:

$$\xi \sim \text{const.} \quad (16)$$

There is one quantum disordered regime called the oscillatory disordered regime that we will come back to later.

#### IV. FINITE TEMPERATURE CORRELATION FUNCTION

The signature of the quantum criticality may be discovered by obtaining the correlation length in neutron scattering experiments [20,21]. For this purpose, we compute spin-spin correlation function. Here we discuss the method for calculating the correlation function and the correlation length. One can consult our previous paper [11] if one is interested in a fully detailed derivation.

Quite generally, the spin-spin correlation function  $C_{ij}(t)$  is defined as

$$C(r, t) = \langle \sigma_i^z(t) \sigma_j^z(0) \rangle, \quad (17)$$

where  $i, j$  are lattice sites and  $r$  is the separation between them. And the angular brackets represent a thermodynamic average  $\langle (\dots) \rangle = \text{Tr}[e^{-\beta H} (\dots)] / \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})$ . The equal-time correlation function is

$$C(r, 0) = \langle \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \rangle. \quad (18)$$

In a finite system of length  $L$ , we choose  $i, j$  in the middle of the chain to reduce the boundary effects. Using the Jordan-Wigner transformation, Eq. (3), we get

$$C(r, 0) = \left\langle \left( \prod_{m=1}^{i-1} (c_m^\dagger + c_m)(c_m^\dagger - c_m) \right) (c_i^\dagger + c_i) \left( \prod_{l=1}^{j-1} (c_l^\dagger + c_l)(c_l^\dagger - c_l) \right) (c_j^\dagger + c_j) \right\rangle. \quad (19)$$

Because of the free fermion nature of the Jordan-Wigner transformed Hamiltonian, we can apply Wick's theorem [22] to  $C(r, 0)$ . After collecting all terms in Wick expansion, we get a Pfaffian:

$$C(r, 0) = Pf(S). \quad (20)$$

Here  $S$  is a  $2(i+j-1)$ -dimensional skew-symmetric matrix. If we identify  $A_m = c_m^\dagger + c_m$  and  $B_n = c_n^\dagger - c_n$ , the matrix  $S$  is

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \langle A_1 B_1 \rangle & \langle A_1 A_2 \rangle & \langle A_1 B_2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle A_1 A_j \rangle \\ -\langle A_1 B_1 \rangle & 0 & \langle B_1 A_2 \rangle & \langle B_1 B_2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle B_1 A_j \rangle \\ -\langle A_1 A_2 \rangle & -\langle B_1 A_2 \rangle & 0 & \langle A_2 B_2 \rangle & \cdots & \langle A_2 A_j \rangle \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\langle A_1 A_j \rangle & -\langle B_1 A_j \rangle & -\langle A_2 A_j \rangle & -\langle B_2 A_j \rangle & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (21)$$

All we need to compute is the two-point correlation function such as

$$\langle [c_m^\dagger \pm c_m](c_l^\dagger \pm c_l) \rangle. \quad (22)$$

This can be done by utilizing the free fermion operators  $\eta_\mu$  and  $\eta_\mu^\dagger$  from Eq. (5). The results are the following:

$$\langle A_i A_j \rangle = \sum_{p=1}^L \phi_{pi} \phi_{pj}, \quad (23)$$

$$\langle A_i B_j \rangle = \sum_{p=1}^L \phi_{pi} \psi_{pj} \tanh(\beta E_p), \quad (24)$$

$$\langle B_i A_j \rangle = - \sum_{p=1}^L \psi_{pi} \phi_{pj} \tanh(\beta E_p), \quad (25)$$

$$\langle B_i B_j \rangle = - \sum_{p=1}^L \psi_{pi} \psi_{pj}, \quad (26)$$

where  $\beta$  is  $1/T$ . Three  $L \times L$  matrices  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $E$  come from singular value decomposition (SVD) [23], and  $M$  is obtained by rewriting  $H$  from Eq. (4) into a matrix with  $c^\dagger + c$  and  $c^\dagger - c$  as its basis [here  $c^\dagger + c \equiv (c_1^\dagger + c_1, c_2^\dagger + c_2, \dots, c_L^\dagger + c_L)$ ]:

$$M = \phi E \psi^T, \quad (27)$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} c^\dagger + c & c - c^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M^T \\ M & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c^\dagger + c \\ c^\dagger - c \end{pmatrix}. \quad (28)$$

The exact form of  $M$  is

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} h & -\lambda_1 & -\lambda_2 & & & \\ & h & -\lambda_1 & -\lambda_2 & & \\ & & h & -\lambda_1 & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & -\lambda_2 \\ & & & & \ddots & -\lambda_1 \\ & & & & & h \end{bmatrix}. \quad (29)$$

The exact diagonalization of  $H$  is not numerically stable (suffers from large errors) if the eigenvalues of  $H$  are close to 0. Thus, instead of directly diagonalizing our  $2L \times 2L$  Hamiltonian, we chose to use SVD to diagonalize an  $L \times L$  matrix.

We still need to deal with one last step. The computation of a Pfaffian consumes a lot of time by standard methods for a large-size system. One of the authors in collaboration invented an efficient method for dealing with such a Pfaffian in [24]. Let  $X$  be a  $2N \times 2N$  skew-symmetric matrix which has the form

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B^T & C \end{bmatrix}, \quad (30)$$

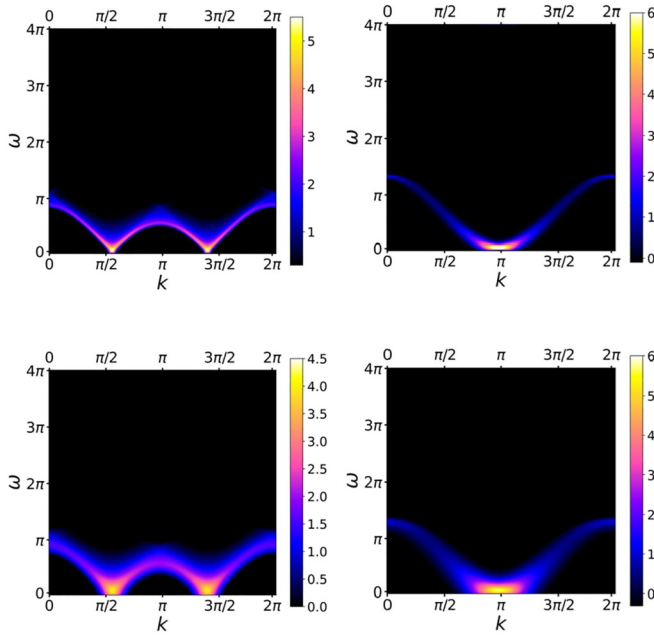


FIG. 4. Finite temperature  $S(k, \omega)$ . Thermal broadening is evident. Top left: ( $\lambda_1 = 0.5, \lambda_2 = -1, T = 0.01$ ). Bottom left: ( $\lambda_1 = 0.5, \lambda_2 = -1, T = 0.1$ ). Top right: ( $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1, T = 0.01$ ). Bottom right: ( $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1, T = 0.1$ ).

where  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, and  $B$  and  $C$  are matrices of appropriate dimensions. Then we have the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ B^T A^{-1} & I_{2N-2} \end{bmatrix} X \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & -A^{-1}B \\ 0 & I_{2N-2} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & C + B^T A^{-1}B \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where  $I_n$  is a  $n \times n$  identity matrix, and

$$\det(X) = \det(A)\det(C + B^T A^{-1}B). \quad (32)$$

This gives us an iterative method. We will get a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  at each iteration step; then we treat  $C + B^T A^{-1}B$  to be our next  $X$  and keep doing this. Our  $\det(X)$  eventually becomes a product chain of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

Generically, the equal-time correlation function  $C(r, 0)$  decays exponentially at finite temperatures. This allows us to determine the correlation length  $\xi$  by fitting  $C(r, 0)$  to an exponential function,

$$C(r, 0) \sim e^{-r/\xi}, \quad (33)$$

where the prefactor could be a constant or an oscillatory function of  $r$ , as shown below in Sec. V.

## V. COMPUTATIONAL RESULTS

### A. $T = 0$ , correlation function

First, we provide some results for  $C(r, 0)$  at  $T = 0$ . The most remarkable result is the oscillatory quantum disordered phase. A complex calculation [25] of the instantaneous spin-spin correlation function showed that within the ferromagnetic phase in the *dual* representation, Eq. (12), there is an oscillatory phase in which the connected correlation function has

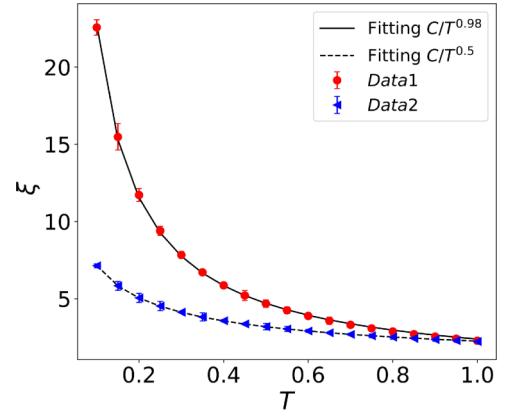


FIG. 5. The correlation length  $\xi$  vs temperature  $T$  at two quantum critical points  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0$  ( $z = 1$ ) and  $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$  ( $z = 2$ ).  $C_{\text{top}} \sim 2.38$  and  $C_{\text{bottom}} \sim 2.25$ .

oscillatory decay. The oscillatory phase in the  $XY$  model is bounded by  $r^2 + h^2 \leq 1$ , which corresponds to  $\lambda_2 \leq -\lambda_1^2/4$  in the three-spin model. Some of the representative  $C(r, 0)$  are shown in Fig. 3.

### B. Finite temperature $S(k, \omega)$

We now turn to discussion of the finite temperature results. This requires unequal time correlation functions,  $C(r, t)$  [11]. The calculations in the following sections were performed on a chain that has 300 lattice sites with free boundary conditions at a number of temperatures; we show only the results at two different temperatures. The temperature  $T$  is measured in units of  $h$ . We show our finite temperature dynamical structure factor at two critical points  $\lambda_1 = 0.5, \lambda_2 = -1$  and  $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$  in Fig. 4.

### C. Quantum critical to renormalized classical

Full construction of quantum critical fans along the three critical lines is not necessary since the quantum critical fan diagrams are quantitatively the same. Here we choose to construct the quantum fan diagrams at two points:  $\lambda_1 = 2,$

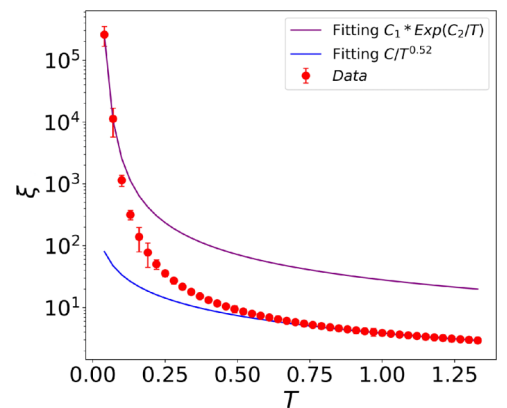


FIG. 6. Quantum critical to renormalized classical. The correlation length  $\xi$  vs temperature  $T$  at  $\lambda_1 = 2.075, \lambda_2 = -0.925$  ( $\Delta = 0.3$ ).  $C \sim 3.81, C_1 \sim 22$ , and  $C_2 \sim 0.25$ .

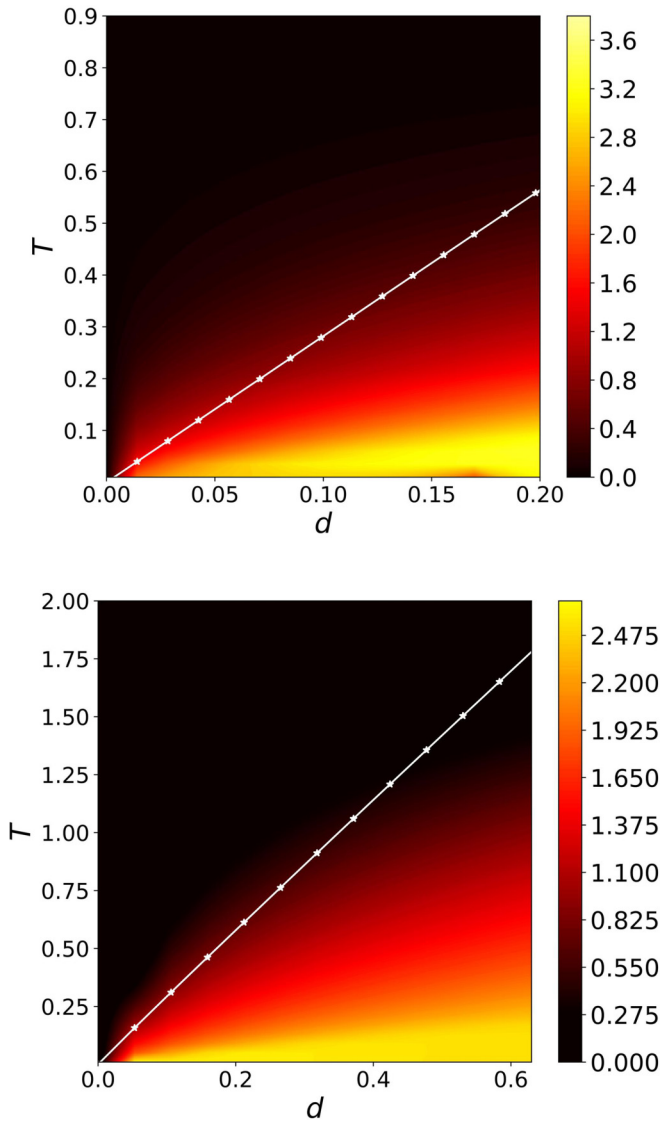


FIG. 7. Quantum critical fan diagrams. Black: Quantum critical. Yellow: Renormalized classical. Top:  $d$  is the distance to the multicritical point  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0$  ( $z = 1$ ). Bottom:  $d$  is the distance to the multicritical point  $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$  ( $z = 2$ ). Two white lines are the deviations  $\Delta$  at different  $d$ .

$\lambda_2 = -1$  along the line  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - 3$  and  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0$  along the line  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - 1$ . Referring to Fig. 5, at two critical points, we see that the correlation length  $\xi$  scales as  $1/T^{1/z}$  with  $z$  the theoretical values 1 (2). Moving away from the critical point ( $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$ ) into the ordered phase along the line  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - 3$ , we see a crossover happens when we plot  $\xi$  vs  $T$  in Fig. 6. At high  $T$  ( $T > \Delta$ ), the temperature dependence of the correlation length is characterized by a power law. At low  $T$  ( $T < |\Delta|$ ), the correlation length grows exponentially to infinity. Between these regimes, we have a crossover. From that, we construct quantum critical fan diagrams along the lines  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - 3$ . These are shown in Fig. 7. The colors in these plots represent the relative deviation from the power law scaling. The white lines are obtained by computing the energy gap at different  $d$ . Since we are considering crossovers, not phase transitions, we do accept some misalign-

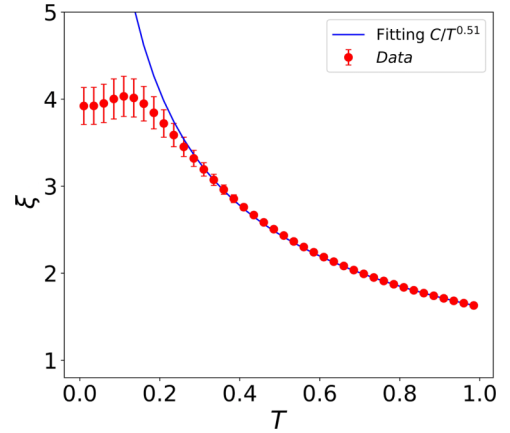


FIG. 8. Quantum critical to quantum disordered. The correlation length  $\xi$  vs temperature  $T$  at  $\lambda_1 = 1.8, \lambda_2 = -1.2$  ( $|\Delta| \sim 0.22$ ).  $C \sim 1.69$ .

ments between the places where the color change happens and the white lines.

#### D. Quantum critical to quantum disordered

Moving away from the critical point ( $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$ ) into the disordered phase, we also see that a crossover happens when we plot  $\xi$  vs  $T$  in Fig. 8. At high  $T$  ( $T > |\Delta|$ ), the temperature dependence of the correlation length is again a power law. Interestingly, we see a bump in the intermediate region ( $T \sim |\Delta|$ ). We cannot differentiate whether the occurrence of the bump is due to the model itself or uncertainty from the fitting. At low  $T$  ( $T < |\Delta|$ ), we see a completely different behavior. The correlation length saturates to a finite value. We denote this value as  $\xi^{\text{sat}}$ , and it depends on the distance  $d$  to the critical point:

$$\xi^{\text{sat}} \sim d^{-\nu}, \quad (34)$$

where  $\nu$  is the critical exponent. It is clear from Fig. 9 that  $\nu$  are close to 1 ( $z = 1$ ) and  $1/2$  ( $z = 2$ ). Similarly, we construct the other parts of the quantum critical fan diagrams along the lines  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - 3$ . These are shown in Fig. 10. The colors in these contour plots again represent the relative deviations from the power law scaling.

## VI. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

In this paper, we have discussed several properties of an exactly solved model that exhibits three interesting quantum critical lines and two multicritical points. Two multicritical points have different dynamical critical exponents  $z$ . The three critical lines have their own unique characteristics. On one line, the criticality is located at  $k = \pm\pi$ . The other line has its criticality located at  $k = 0$ . The criticality on the third line is located at incommensurate  $k$  points. At finite temperatures, quantum critical fans are built upon these critical lines so the phase diagram splits into three regimes (quantum critical, quantum disordered and renormalized classical). The correlation length  $\xi$  obtained from the calculation in each regime has its special behavior on temperature. In the quantum critical regime,  $\xi$  scales as  $1/T^{1/z}$  with  $z$  depending on the critical

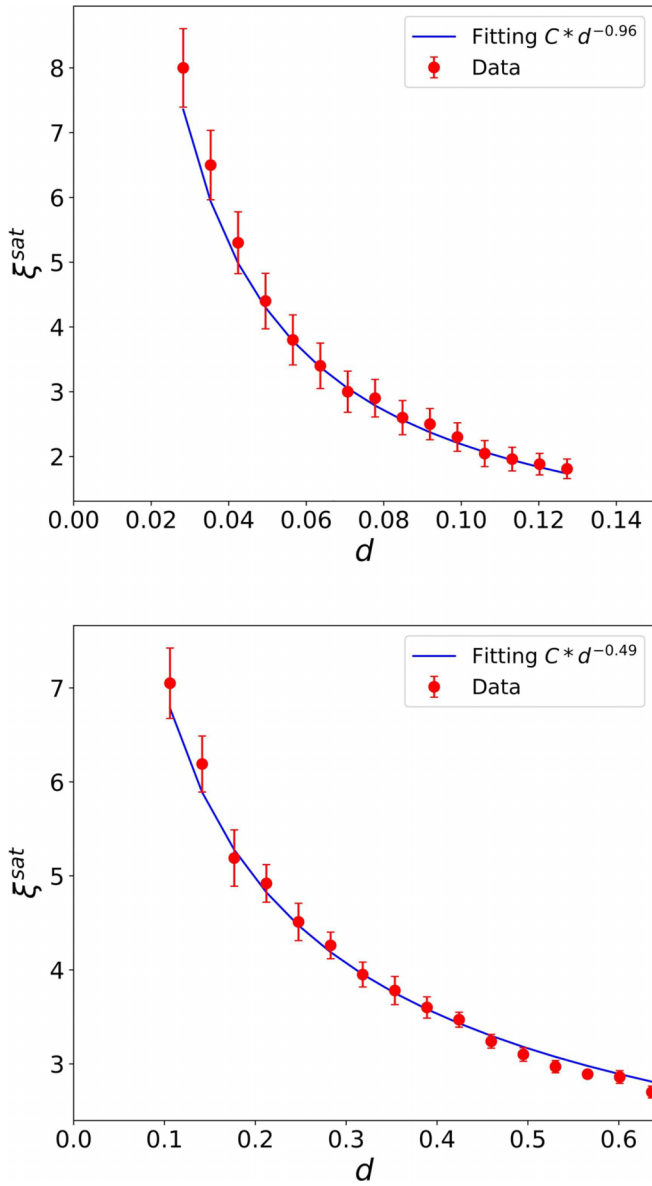


FIG. 9. The saturated correlation length  $\xi^{\text{sat}}$  vs distance  $d$  in the quantum disordered regime. Top:  $d$  is the distance to the multicritical point  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0$  ( $z = 1$ ). Bottom:  $d$  is the distance to the multicritical point  $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$  ( $z = 2$ ).  $C_{\text{top}} \sim 0.25$ .  $C_{\text{bottom}} \sim 2.34$ .

point. In quantum disordered regime,  $\xi$  becomes temperature independent. But the saturated value of  $\xi^{\text{sat}}$  scales as  $d^{-\nu}$ . Both  $z$  and  $\nu$  determine the size of the critical fan. In the renormalized classical regime,  $\xi$  grows as an exponential function in terms of  $T$  as we approach zero temperature. Finally, we construct the quantum critical fan along two different lines.

In the future, one could add further neighbor interaction while still maintaining the integrability of the model. This

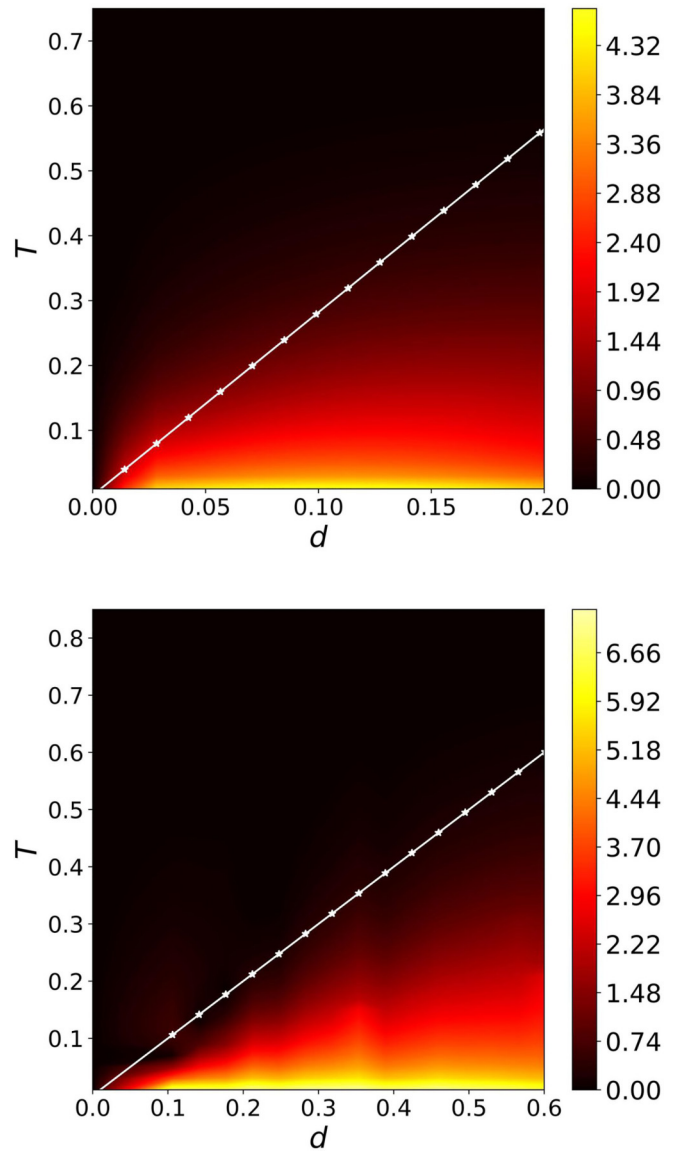


FIG. 10. Quantum critical fan diagrams. Black: Quantum critical. Yellow: Quantum disordered. Top:  $d$  is the distance to the multicritical point  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0$  ( $z = 1$ ). Bottom:  $d$  is the distance to the multicritical point  $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$  ( $z = 2$ ).

will make fine tuning a lot easier. Then one could explore the quantum critical fan from a critical surface. However, such a model may be difficult to realize in experiments.

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